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Editorial

Because the summer work of the editor extended into the middle of September, and he was where it was not possible to prepare copy for the present number of the Bulletin, there is this delay in publication.

The protracted illness of Mr. Swales and the absence from home of most of the officers of the Club during the summer has prevented the completion of arrangements for the proposed annual meeting. The plan has not been abandoned, however, and will be carried to completion in due time. Meanwhile let there be expressions of opinion as to the best time and place from those who are interested.

The Thirty-first Annual Congress of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, November 11-13, 1913. At these Congresses there are gathered many of the foremost ornithologists of America as well as many of those who do not consider themselves as much more than interested spectators. It is worth while for

those of a common interest to meet as often as possible, and in these meetings of ornithologists and just bird-lovers there is a something which seems to those who thus do get together which is much more than merely "worth while." The American Museum itself is worth all the expense and trouble of a long journey, for here are grouped the collections, natural objects in natural settings, many of which few persons will ever be privileged to see except here. But aside from what can be seen in the metropolis of our country, and even aside from the papers and discussions which feature these gatherings, it is worth any bird student's while to attend these gatherings. It is not possible to express in words the impression which they make. You ought to attend.

NOTICE OF NOMINATION.

All active members of the Wilson Ornithological Club are earnestly requested to send, within two weeks after receiving this number of the Bulletin, nominations for president, secretary, treasurer and three members of executive committee, to the undersigned.

G. EIFRIG, Secretary,

Addison, Ill.

P. S.—After November 1, the address of the Secretary will be: Concordia Teachers' College, Oak Park, Illinois—G. Eifrig.